

of Agriculture pursuant to section 1-102 related to compliance with applicable pollution control standards and section 1-601 of Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to enter into an inter-agency agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an administrative consent order or a consent judgment in an appropriate State, interstate, or local agency, containing a plan and schedule to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards established pursuant to the following:

- (i) Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as further amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, and the Federal Facility Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*);
 - (ii) Federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*);
 - (iii) Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*);
 - (iv) Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*);
 - (v) Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*);
 - (vi) Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*);
 - (vii) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); and
 - (viii) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).
- (46) Authority to prescribe and collect fees under the Act of August 31, 1951, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9701), and sections 2508 and 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (21 U.S.C. 136, 136a), as amended.
- (47) The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 156.
- (48) Enter into cooperative research and development agreements with industry, universities, and others; institute a cash award program to reward scientific, engineering, and technical personnel; award royalties to inventors; and retain and use royalty income (15 U.S.C. 3710a-3710c).
- (49) The Alien Species Prevention and Enforcement Act of 1992 (39 U.S.C. 3015 note).

(50) Sections 901-905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note).

(51) Plant Protection Act (Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772).

(b) *Reservation.* The following authority is reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs: The authority to make determinations under 35 U.S.C. 156 as to whether an applicant acted with due diligence.

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§ 2.81 Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §§ 2.22 (a)(3) and (a)(9), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Administrator, Grain Inspection Service, Packers and Stockyards Administration:

(1) Administer the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71-87h).

(2) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), relating to inspection and standardization activities related to grain.

(3) Administer the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

(4) Enforce provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1601-1665, 1681-1681t), with respect to any activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

(5) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1631).

(6) With respect to land and facilities under his or her authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order 12580, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193, under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended:

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(i) Sections 104 (a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604 (a), (b), and (c)(4)), with respect to removal and remedial actions in the event of release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment;

(ii) Sections 104(e)-(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)-(h)), with respect to information gathering and access requests and orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards and wage and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers;

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure to significant risk to human health;

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action;

(v) The first two sentences of section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release;

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress;

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations of section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), and the granting of awards to individuals providing information;

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund;

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action and identifying and notifying potentially responsible parties;

(x) Section 116(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9616(a)), with respect to preliminary assessment and site inspection of facilities;

(xi) Sections 117 (a) and (c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9617 (a) and (c)), with respect

to public participation in the preparation of any plan for remedial action and explanation of variances from the final remedial action plan for any remedial action or enforcement action, including any settlement or consent decree entered into;

(xii) Section 119 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9119), with respect to indemnifying response action contractors;

(xiii) Section 121 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9621), with respect to cleanup standards; and

(xiv) Section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), with respect to settlements, but excluding section 122(b)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622(b)(1)), related to mixed funding agreements.

(7) With respect to facilities and activities under his or her authority, to exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 1-102 related to compliance with applicable pollution control standards and section 1-601 of Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to enter into an inter-agency agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an administrative consent order or a consent judgment in an appropriate State, interstate, or local agency, containing a plan and schedule to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards established pursuant to the following:

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(v) Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*);

(vi) Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*);

(vii) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*); and

(viii) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

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Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart O—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

§ 2.83 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Pursuant to § 2.23, and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all duties and exercise all powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

§ 2.85 Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.23, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations:

(1) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

(2) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative matters of concern to the Department.

(3) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

(i) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;

(ii) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);

(iii) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;

(iv) Council of State Governments;

(v) National Governors Conference;

(vi) National Association of Counties;

(vii) National League of Cities;

(viii) International City Managers Association;

(ix) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

(x) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.

(4) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.

(5) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(6) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(7) Administer the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, Executive Order 11593, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 559, and regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR part 800, for the Department of Agriculture with authority to name the Secretary's designee to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

(8) Coordinate the Department's programs involving assistance to American Indians except civil rights activities.

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

§ 2.87 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be the USDA Designated Agency Ethics Official and shall exercise all authority pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638.

(b) Pursuant to § 2.24(a), subject, to reservations in § 2.24(b), the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers